SENATE BILL 2445 By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 17, Part 8, relative to discretionary costs in certain eminent domain actions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-17-812, is amended by deleting the first sentence of subsection (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

If the amount of compensation awarded at the trial shall exceed the amount assessed by the condemner and deposited with the clerk, then the condemner shall pay the reasonable costs of the action, including those discretionary costs permitted by subdivision (2) of this subsection. For purposes of this section, "condemner" shall specifically include the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all applicable condemnation actions occurring on or after such date.